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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University April 8, 2015

Reminder: Empty Bowls event to take place April 17



Raising more than one million meals worth of donations for the local food bank just isn't enough. Unfortunately, there are still many mouths to be fed in our Tri-State region.

Join us for yet another year from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015, at First Presbyterian Church to peruse hundreds of beautiful pottery pieces—our empty bowls—which have been hand-crafted by Marshall University art students and local artisans. Purchase a bowl and speak with student

potters while they carefully wrap your purchase for easy transport.

Each \$15 bowl purchase also includes one ticket to the soup-kitchen style meal of soup, bread and drink. Luckily, the company is often jovial and the soups are delicious, which makes it easier to forget that the modest portions and single-file line aren't your run-of-the-mill lunch out.

This collaboration of many serves one purpose: to feed many more. All proceeds benefit Facing Hunger Foodbank, a Huntington-based non-profit that serves 113,500 food insecure individuals in 17 counties across West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

Visit www.marshall.edu/emptybowls for more information.

This initiative would be unlikely without the partnerships of Marshall University, Keramos Potters' Guild, other local artisans, Christian Associates, B'nai Shalom Congregation and First Presbyterian Church, and without the donations from more than two dozen local individuals and businesses, yet it would be impossible without you.

Artists Series to present BBC Concert Orchestra April 21



The BBC Concert Orchestra, one of five British Broadcasting Corporation radio orchestras and considered to be one of the United Kingdom's most versatile ensembles, closes out the 2014-15 Marshall Artists Series with a performance on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Created in 1952, the BBC Concert Orchestra, with roughly 50 players, spends the majority of its time producing music for the radio broadcast. Tabbed one of the world's finest orchestras, they have performed at the Proms in London, Royal Festival Hall, and Queen's Diamond Jubilee concert. Keith Lockhart, one of classical music's most dynamic maestros, became the seventh lead conductor of the BBC Concert Orchestra in 2008. Lockhart is currently the artistic director of the Boston Pops and has served as conductor for numerous orchestras around the globe.

The orchestra's performance at the Keith-Albee will feature many well-known classical pieces, including Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin* and Piano Concerto in G; Walton's *March Crown Imperial*; Vaughn Williams' *Norfolk Rhapsody No. 1, E minor*; and Britten's *Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Purcell* (also known as *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*).

Also, a special pre-show discussion, *Artistic Viewpoints*, will take place prior to the performance beginning at 6:30 p.m. The discussion is free, but patrons must have show tickets to be admitted into the discussion. Artistic Viewpoints provides guests an opportunity to learn more about the BBC Concert Orchestra and their music.

Currently, the BBC Orchestra acts as the house orchestra for BBC Radio 2's Friday Night is Music Night. Performing daily broadcasts on BBC Radio 3, the orchestra can be heard on such BBC soundtracks as *Africa* and *The Paradise*. The orchestra also takes part in key BBC Music initiatives, including the "Ten Pieces" project, which introduces young children to classical music.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit the Artists Series box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse or call ext. 6-6656. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

Photo: Keith Lockhart will conduct the BBC Concert Orchestra in Huntington April 21.

Reminder: Rescheduled Diversity Breakfast is Friday, April 10

The annual Diversity Breakfast, postponed last month because of cold, snowy weather, has been rescheduled for Friday, April 10, in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

"We look forward to this exciting affair as we continue to recognize the importance of diversity and the richness of inclusiveness at Marshall University and around the entire globe," said Maurice Cooley, associate vice president of intercultural affairs.

Dr. Eduardo Pino, associate professor of pediatrics at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and the medical director of the Pediatric Intensive Care unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital, will be the keynote speaker.

The theme for the event, which will run from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m., is "We are the World." Marshall's Diversity Breakfast was started in 2001 with the intent of promoting campus harmony and unity.

Special music will be performed during the breakfast by the Marshall University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Martin Saunders, associate professor of trumpet and director of jazz studies.

Latest information on move to bi-weekly pay given by finance office

Marshall's finance office has issued the following statement regarding pay changes that are expected for Marshall University employees.

Although there is still much uncertainty regarding the move to bi-weekly and other pay changes, we wanted to provide an update to the campus and share a few reminders.

- Marshall University employees will NOT be moving to bi-weekly prior to July 1. To this point no agencies have gone live on wvOASIS or bi-weekly pay.
- It is highly unlikely that Marshall University employees will move to bi-weekly pay prior to October of 2015.
- All summer school pay will be paid on regular paychecks and in arrears.
- The first paycheck for ALL employees on less than 12 month contracts whose contract period begins in mid-August for Academic Year 2015-2016 will be September 15, 2015. A separate communication will be sent out to all employees on less than 12 month within the next week with additional information, including information for those with other contract start dates.
- A revised FAQ has been released by the wvOASIS team, but note that most of the information relates to those employees of agencies who will be participating in the first wave of the wvOASIS implementation. <http://wvoasis.gov/Docs/Biweekly%20Pay%20FAQs%2003-25-15%20FINAL.pdf>

We will continue to share any new information we receive about the move to bi-weekly and other changes that may impact our employees as a result of the implementation of wvOASIS. Please visit our Pay Changes website at <http://www.marshall.edu/paychanges/> for additional information.

In Memoriam: C.T. Mitchell

C.T. Mitchell, who was a longtime director of university relations and executive assistant to several presidents at Marshall, died Tuesday, April 7. The complete obituary may be found on The Herald-Dispatch's website at <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/x864384262/Journalist-community-leader-dies>. (Note: a password to access the site may be required.)

Women's Studies conference to take place this weekend, April 10-11



Marshall's Women's Studies program will conduct its biennial conference this Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at the Pullman Plaza Hotel in Huntington.

Titled "Women and Gender in the Social and Natural Worlds: A Rural Perspective," the conference will explore a multi-disciplinary perspective of the roles, experiences, struggles and triumphs of women in rural areas.

Friday night's activities will begin with a 6:30 p.m. keynote address by Dr. Susan F. Hirsch, a cultural anthropologist and professor in the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University. She will be speaking about "Mining Mountains and Metaphors: The Gender/Nature Question through Contemporary Activism," which is related to her recent book, *Mountaintop Mining in Appalachia*. This event will take place on Marshall's Huntington

campus in Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

To register for the full conference, persons may visit the following link:
www.marshall.edu/womenstu/conference/conference-registration.

For more information contact Dr. Laura Michele Diener (diener@marshall.edu), assistant professor of history and director of women's studies at Marshall.

Photo: Dr. Susan F. Hirsch will deliver the keynote address for the Marshall University Women's Studies program's biennial conference at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, in Foundation Hall on Marshall's Huntington campus.

Nominations sought for Women of Marshall Award 2015

The Marshall University Women's Center is seeking nominations for the Women of Marshall Award. This award is issued to Marshall University administrators, faculty, staff, and students who have demonstrated significant contributions toward the advancement of issues related to gender equity and/or women's issues through any of the following avenues:

- Advising
- Mentoring
- Education
- Creative Activities
- Research
- Policy Development
- Community Service/Volunteering
- Leadership Activities
- Activism
- Other activities that support women's issues

A nomination form may be downloaded at

www.marshall.edu/ucomm/files/web/2015WomenofMarshallNomination.pdf. Please fill out the form and return it to tolliver@marshall.edu by April 17, 2015.

Marshall donors, scholarship recipients to be honored at brunch

Marshall University donors and current recipients of privately funded scholarships will be honored Saturday, April 11, at the Scholarship Honor Brunch in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

The event, sponsored by the Marshall University Foundation, begins at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation, will serve as master of ceremonies and will speak on "Scholarships: Bridging the Gap." Also speaking will be students Olivia Milam of Spanishburg, West Virginia, and Andrea Hensley of Barboursville.

Milam is a returning student majoring in computer science in the College of Information Technology and Engineering. She previously graduated from the College of Liberal Arts with a double major in History and Humanities.

A recipient of both the *Wellman Family Foundation Scholarship* and the *Morris E. & Kathleen Thomas Memorial Scholarship*, Milam will give a talk titled "Scholarships: Enabling Creativity."

Hensley is a junior majoring in chemistry in the College of Science. She is a recipient of both the *Virgil E. and Irene O. Hodges Memorial Scholarship* and the *Francis A. Scott Scholarship*. Her talk is titled "Scholarships: Traveling the World."

Liberal arts dean asks for remembrance of Kenyan university students

Dr. Robert Bookwalter has asked the Marshall University community to remember the Garissa University College students who were killed in Kenya last week. The text of his message is as follows:

Last Thursday, April 2 at 5:00 a.m. Kenyan time, a group of terrorists carried out a horrific attack on students, staff and faculty at Garissa University College. The attack, which began when students in the dorms/hostels were still asleep and lasted 15 hours, deserves a place among the worst examples of deliberate, inhuman brutality perpetrated in our lifetimes. The systematic, execution-style slaughter of anyone who was not identifiably Muslim is a violation of the spiritual precepts of every religion. Targeting those of a different faith, targeting students, targeting an institution of learning aimed at improving the lot of students, the community, and the nation, is an act of cowardice and terrorism that should be condemned everywhere.

We ask, therefore, for the Marshall University community to stand in solidarity with the students, faculty, and staff of Garissa University College. We ask that on Thursday, April 9, at 1 p.m., members of the Marshall community observe 148 seconds of silent remembrance to honor the victims of the Garissa University College attack and their families. Wherever you are, on campus or elsewhere, please join us in support of our 148 fallen brothers and sisters, and of the survivors who must carry on.

Respectfully,

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Thundering Word to perform speech and debate showcase April 10

Members of the Thundering Word speech and debate team will prepare for the National Forensic Association (NFA) National Tournament by performing for the home crowd in a speech and debate showcase Friday, April 10.

The event is free to the public, although personal hygiene items will be collected at the door with all proceeds benefiting the Huntington City Mission. The showcase begins at 7:30 p.m. and takes place in Corbly Hall 105.

Thundering Word members will perform prose, poetry, persuasive orations and more during the showcase.

In mid-March, the Thundering Word placed sixth in Individual Event Sweepstakes at the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention Tournament held on the campus of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Marshall placed 10th in Debater Sweepstakes and 10th overall in the national competition.

Senior Victoria Ledford placed sixth in Individual Event Sweepstakes at the Pi Kappa Delta tournament. Ledford, who received the All-American award, said the team's performance proved that the Thundering Word is loaded with talent, despite being small in numbers.

"Our squad is small with only 11 members, but we showed the national circuit that talent and performance trumps size any day of the week," Ledford said.

The NFA National Tournament begins on Wednesday, April 15, at Ohio University.

Psychology Awareness Week starts April 13

A number of activities are being planned beginning Monday, April 13, by the psychology department as part of Psychology Awareness Week and the Tri-State Psychology Conference.

Dr. David Schroeder, professor of psychology at the University of Arkansas, will give a talk Monday, April 13, titled "Consilience and Prosocial Behavior" at 1 p.m. in Harris Hall 130. Schroeder's research interests include prosocial behavior, social dilemmas, and social influence processes. The talk is open to everyone.

Activities continue Tuesday through Thursday as part of Psychology Awareness Week, as both faculty and graduate students in the department present on various topics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily in Harris Hall 230. A list of the scheduled presentations can be found at www.marshall.edu/psych or requested by e-mailing Britani Black at black114@marshall.edu or Katherine Simmons at simmons129@marshall.edu.

On Thursday, April 16, Psi Chi, the psychology honorary, will sponsor a luncheon and hold a membership meeting for current and prospective members at 12:30 p.m. in Harris Hall 230.

On Friday the Tri-State Psychology Conference will take place in the Memorial Student Center. This is an open session with everyone invited. There is no registration fee.

The morning sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and will include a poster session and oral presentations showcasing the work of students and faculty from nearly 10 different regional colleges/universities representing four states. A luncheon will be held in the Shawkey Dining Room at noon with a cost of \$10. After lunch, the keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Olson, associate professor of psychology at the University of Tennessee, will speak about applications of social psychology to racial prejudice, close relationships and substance abuse. The day will end with an Intercollegiate Psychology Jeopardy Challenge for a traveling trophy and bragging rights. The game will begin at approximately 3 p.m.

A more detailed program, including specific rooms for various events, will be available early in the week on the Psychology Department website at www.marshall.edu/psych.

Faculty are being asked to encourage their students to attend as many events as possible throughout the week. Students can consult with psychology department faculty for extra credit opportunities.

Marshall Rec Center invites faculty and staff to attend focus group sessions

The Marshall Recreation Center will be conducting focus groups next week, April 13-17. The groups are designed to generate thoughts and ideas about the Rec and what it offers. Questions and concerns are welcome as well.

Marshall faculty and staff are invited to attend and give their feedback. Any member of Marshall's faculty and staff that participates will receive a free month of membership at the Rec.

Times and dates are as follows:

Monday: 2 p.m., 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 1 p.m.

Wednesday: 11 a.m., 2 p.m.

Thursday: 2:30 p.m.

Friday: 11 a.m.

The groups will be meeting in the Wellness Classroom inside the Marshall Recreation Center. If you have any questions, contact Michele Muth at 304-696-2943 or at pallante1@marshall.edu.

Guest mathematician to speak April 14 and 15 at Marshall

Dr. Judy Day, assistant professor of in the department of mathematics and the department of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will give two talks on mathematical modeling at Marshall next week.

On Tuesday, April 14, Day will present "Modeling the host response to inhalation anthrax to uncover the mechanisms driving risk of disease" at 4 p.m. in 276 Science Building. In this talk, she will discuss the use of mathematical modeling to uncover mechanisms driving the risk of disease in different inhalation exposure scenarios.

On Wednesday, April 15, she will speak on "Determining the what, when, and how of therapeutic intervention strategies for controlling complex immune responses" at 4 p.m. in 376 Science Building. Additional information may be found at www.marshall.edu/math/ARI/.

Day earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research is focused on the interface of mathematics and biology, specifically modeling the response of the immune system to invasion. She uses both mathematical and engineering techniques to address questions arising in medicine. She holds a senior personnel position at NIMBioS, the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis.

Day is speaking at Marshall as part of the Advanced Research Initiative of the Department of Mathematics and College of Science. This program invites distinguished researchers to Marshall to speak to both general and specialized audiences and interact with graduate and undergraduate students.

Marshall University FEST to feature national and local musicians

The Office of Student Activities and Campus Activities Board will host an all-day music festival on Saturday, April 25, at the Ritter Park Amphitheater.

Marshall University FEST is a reinvention and modernization of Spring Fest, which Marshall hosted during the late 1980s and early 1990s. This recent revitalization will feature artists from across the country including The Ying Yang Twins and American Idol's Blake Lewis, among others.

"We realize the eclectic tastes in music among Marshall students, and we hope to reflect that in our artist selections for FEST," said Lee Tabor, coordinator of student activities. "Not only do we have genres represented from rap to country and pop to rock, but we also have artists from coast to coast and even from Marshall University and the Huntington area."

Doors open at 10 a.m. and FEST will kick off at 10:30 a.m. and go until midnight.

There will be food, beverage and alcohol vendors at the festival. Parking at the venue is limited to those needing handicapped accessibility.

"We will be providing a shuttle bus to transport students and community members safely between the Ritter Park Amphitheater, Pullman Square, and the Joan C. Edwards Stadium parking lot," said Sarah Dyke, graduate adviser to the office of student activities.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse box office.

VIP admission tickets are \$35, and general admission tickets are \$20 for students, faculty and staff with a valid Marshall ID. For the community, VIP admission tickets are \$50, and general admission tickets are \$35.

For more information, contact Tabor at 304-710-0487 or by e-mail at FEST@marshall.edu.

Marshall grad receives Fulbright to work in Slovakia

Ashley Clark, a 2013 bachelor's degree graduate, has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship grant to work in the Slovak Republic for 2015-16, according to Dr. Ronald J. Bieniek, professor in the College of Information Technology and Engineering and Fulbright program adviser for Marshall.

Clark is currently teaching in a middle school in Jacksonville, Florida, as part of the Teach for America program. A native of Ona, West Virginia, she graduated from Marshall with a triple major in political science, international affairs and Spanish. Her Fulbright assignment will take her to the ancient city of Stisska Nova Ves, where she will be assisting in a high school which has an English foreign language class. As part of the cultural exchange she will also be doing a community project. In her case she is choosing to work with Romani children, a small minority population in that country.

The Fulbright program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by Sen. J. William Fulbright. The program, which operates in over 155 countries worldwide, awards approximately 8,000 grants annually.

Alpha Natural Resources creates School of Medicine scholarship

Alpha Natural Resources has created a newly endowed scholarship at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

The Alpha Natural Resources Scholarship will be available to first-year medical students, with first preference given to a child of an Alpha Natural Resources employee and second preference to a student from one of the counties in which the company has an operation. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

Alpha agreed to transition the remaining funds from the Doctors for Our Communities (DOC) program, a loan program initiated by Alpha predecessor Massey Energy that encouraged Marshall medical students to practice rural medicine after residency completion, into a new scholarship.

"I want to thank Alpha for fulfilling the DOCs loan program commitment and agreeing to use existing money from the loan program to endow a scholarship," said Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the School of Medicine. "This endowment will keep the past generosity of Alpha current by providing support to future medical students with a connection to the company."

School of Medicine announces national student leadership team



Four medical students at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine have been chosen by their peers to serve on the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) to the national [Association of American Medical Colleges](#) (AAMC.)

The OSR seeks to ensure that students actively participate in their medical education and gives medical students a voice in academic medicine at both the national and local level.

The Marshall students selected for OSR are:

- Justin M. Pacor, a first-year medical student from Montauk, New York
- Lauren M. Burgunder, a second-year medical student San Diego, California
- Anna C. Clarke, a third-year medical student from Charleston, West Virginia
- Brad A. Leath, a third-year medical student from Westmoreland, Tennessee

Once selected, students serve until they graduate.

“I am very excited to begin this collaborative initiative with the OSR representatives,” said Amy M. Smith, B.S.N., M.Ed., assistant dean for student affairs. “Not only will they do an excellent job at representing our medical school on a national level, but they will also be a voice of the students and act as a resource for students and administration.”

One of the goals of the Marshall OSR team is to form an interdisciplinary alliance with other health care students from Marshall University, which will be named the Marshall University Health Professions Senate.

Photo: Students newly selected for the Organization of Student Representatives to the American Association of Medical Colleges are, from left to right, Justin Pacor, Brad Leath, Anna Clark and Lauren Burgunder.

Photo exhibit on display at South Charleston campus

Members of the Charleston Camera Club are featured in a new photography exhibit in the library on the South Charleston campus. The exhibit, titled “Varied Visions,” features an eclectic assortment of images and will be on display through May.

The collection features approximately 40 photos by both amateur and professional photographers in both black and white and color and includes portraits, landscapes, architecture, digital and still-life abstracts

Lisa Hechesky, library associate, is a member of the Charleston Camera Club and helped bring the exhibit to the South Charleston campus. Her photo of water lilies, titled "Trio," is one of the photographs on display.

The club, Hechesky says, was founded in 1953 and is one of the oldest such groups in the Eastern U.S. They meet twice a month on Mondays at the Church of Christ's annex building at 327 4th Ave. in South Charleston, where both amateurs and professionals share ideas and participate in competitions. Membership is open to everyone, she said.

"You can really improve your photography skills if you're interested in photography by learning from others," Hechesky said.

For more information on the Charleston Camera Club, go to their website at www.CharlestonCameraClub.com.

Faculty Achievement: Brown recognized as she retires as assistant prosecuting attorney

Margaret Phipps Brown, professor of criminal justice and criminology, who has retired as a part-time assistant prosecuting attorney for Cabell County, was recognized for her service in a recent article in the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. Titled "The 'luckiest' prosecutor," the feature article can be accessed at <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/features/x294265545/The-luckiest-prosecutor>. (Note: website registration may be required.)

The next issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed April 15, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, April 13.